

Application Number 09/755,714
Responsive to Final Office Action mailed June 21, 2006

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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2006. Applicant has amended claim 23. Claims 1, 4-16, 18-19, 22-27, 31-33, 39-40 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 4-16, 18-19, 22, 27, 31-33, 39-40 are allowable in their present form.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner also rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon, Jr. et al. (US 5,689,238) in view of Zoepfl (US 3,893,099), and further rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruppert et al. (US 5,640,002) in view of Zoepfl. Applicant maintains the traversal of the Examiner's rejection for the reasons set forth in the Amendment dated March 27, 2006. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended claim 23 to include subject matter recited by allowed claim 1. Consequently, claim 23 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

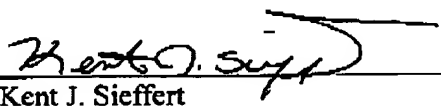
All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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